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Shatin	9.00	9.34	10.49	11.19	1.34	2.04	5.49	6.19
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Fanning	9.30	10.04	11.19	11.49	2.04	2.34	6.19	6.49
Sham Shui Po	9.40	10.14	11.29	11.59	2.14	2.44	6.29	6.59
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Shatin	10.40	11.14	12.29	12.59	3.14	3.44	7.29	7.59
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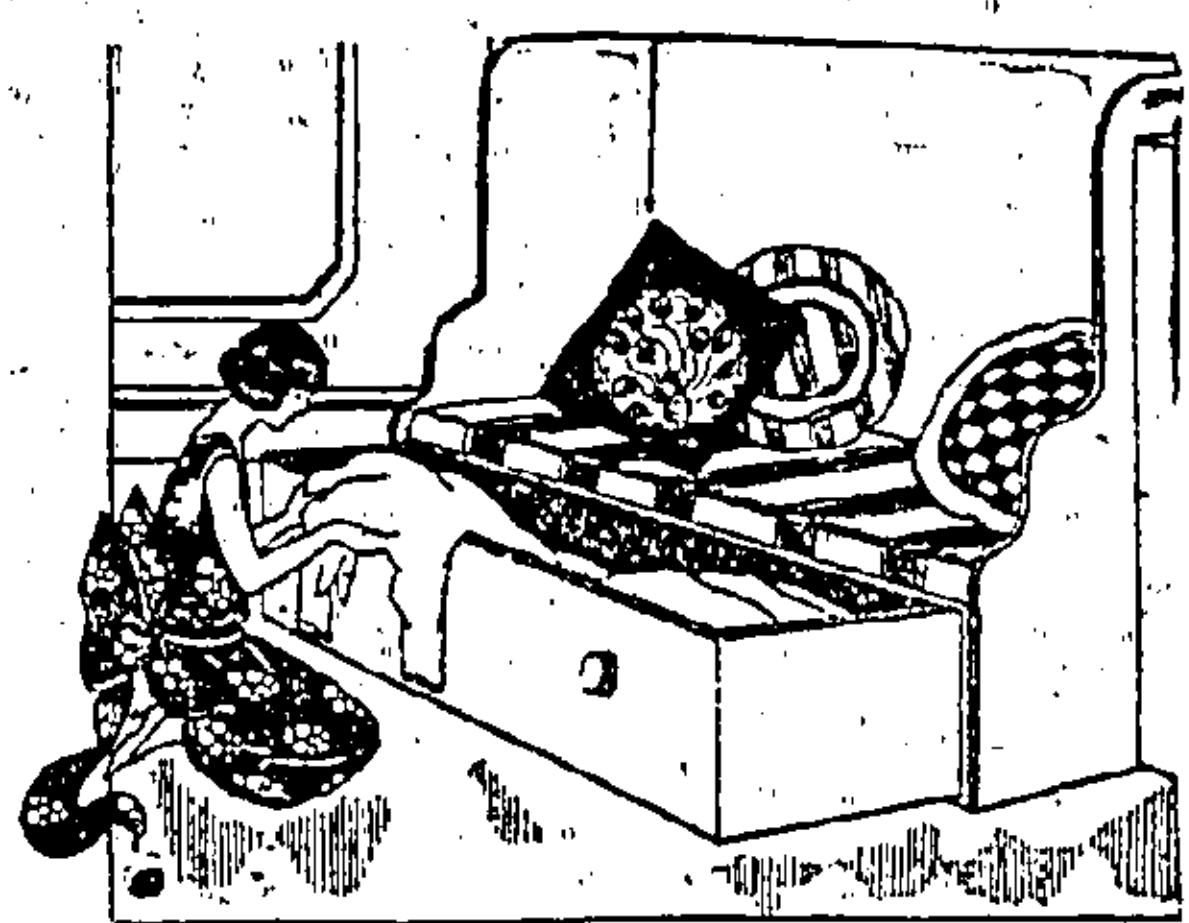
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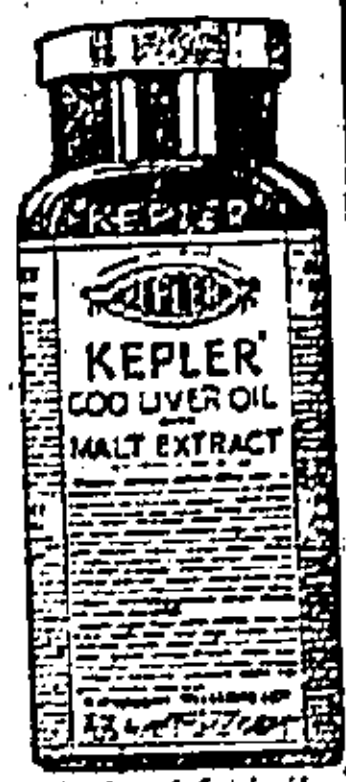
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SCOTTISH LETTER.

TRUTH IN POLITICS.

MR. BALDWIN PROTESTS AGAINST DULCIFICATION.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, November 11th.
In his Rectorial address to the students of Edinburgh University the Prime Minister directed himself to the examination of one of the most serious accusations which the advocates of self-government, especially self-government of the modern democratic type, have to meet—the allegation that "in politics a lower standard of habitual truthfulness prevails than in the world of science or business." The method which Mr. Baldwin chose to follow was not to attempt to rebut or deny the allegation. Instead he admitted at least its partial truth, and he sought to lay bare the reasons for the "evil reputation" which attaches to the politician, and to discover whether and in what way there is hope of improvement. The main causes of the ill odour which clings to politics and to politicians are not hard to find. War has for centuries been the "normal history" of States. With war and the preparation for war go the stratagems of diplomacy, the dropping of the ordinary code of morals, a holiday for truth, and an aftermath of cynicism. In the domestic sphere the party system is a contributory cause, for it puts a certain embargo on complete frankness of speech in the arena of debate. Besides, politics "can never be an exact science." The scientist has no case to prove; he sits humbly before the facts and lets them speak. But the politician, like the advocate, has a client or a policy to defend. The political audience, too, is a disinterested one; it is prepared to follow a close argument, prepared to follow a close argument, prepared to follow a close argument, prepared to follow a close argument.

It is one of the merits of this acute and penetrating analysis that it points the way directly to the possible remedies. The evil reputation of the politician, on Mr. Baldwin's showing, has been largely due to the prevalence of the belief that, both in the international and the domestic sphere, he held the Machiavellian view that the interests of the State or of party transcended morality, that the end justified the means, and that there was no obligation to be truthful if it were to his immediate advantage to be otherwise. If the politician is to rehabilitate his reputation, Mr. Baldwin holds, he must realise that the doctrines of Machiavelli must be abandoned. "Let us," says Mr. Baldwin, "take our stand on public right and a law of nations with Grotius rather than with Machiavelli; let us seek to moralise our public intercourse and reduce the area of cynicism and duplicity. Fortunately, there is every indication that in the international sphere at least the outlook in the way to the realisation of the ideal is improving. Truth and the impartial presentation of facts are handicaps with which class war propagandists are anything but anxious to burden themselves, and it is a matter for serious questioning whether their bitterness and unscrupulousness do not do more to depress the standards of public life than all the efforts of such straightforward men as Mr. Baldwin himself do to raise them."

A WAR SECRET.
Lord Balfour, in a speech at the luncheon at the Edinburgh University students' club which followed Mr. Baldwin's Rectorial, revealed a service of the first rank to the cause of the Allies and of civilisation rendered by Sir Alfred Ewing, the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Edinburgh University, but hitherto not officially disclosed or generally known, although it was alluded to by Mr. Lloyd George on the occasion of his Rectorial address two years ago. By his organisation of the system of dealing with code or cipher wireless messages, and his direction of it from the beginning of the war until it was in full and smooth working, Sir Alfred had not merely aided the operations of the Army and Navy. By bringing to light the secret intrigues in which Germany was engaged, with the object of enticing Mexico to attack the United States in the rear, and of tempting Japan to make war upon America, he was among the chief instruments in engaging the Great Republic on the side of Britain and her Allies.

FREEMASONRY.
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SMOLLETT AND SCOTLAND.
The appearance of "Humphrey Clinker" in the new edition of Smollett's novels is a reminder of Smollett's passionate love for his native country, which had given him little save birth and education. Smollett translated "Don Quixote," and he himself was a cross-grained, Caledonian variety of Quixote. Many of his troubles proceeded from his championship of the underdog; he was a Tory when the Whigs were in the ascendant, a Jacobite when the Rebellion was broken—the publication of his "Tears of Scotland" in 1746 was an evidence of his intrepidity—and he was one of the first writers to expose the lamentable condition of the French peasantry and to foreshadow the Revolution.

It was the unpopularity of Scotland and Scotsmen with the English people during and after the Bute regime that inspired the eulogies of Scotland in "Humphrey Clinker." In his "Travels Through France and Italy" Smollett had earned the nickname of Smeltungus by his jaundiced account of the badness of the inn, the coarse and insanitary ways of living, and the absurdities and immoralities of fashionable society; his journal is a pungent corrective to the perfumed pages of Crebillon fils and Casanova. The English pages of "Humphrey Clinker" abound in satire, and Bath gets a very bad advertisement. But, save in the appropriate matter of the smells of Edinburgh, there is little of Smeltungus about Smollett when he brings his travellers to Scotland. The Scots ladies are "the best and kindest creatures upon earth," and also among the loveliest. Edinburgh is "a hot-bed of genius." Glasgow inspires raptures in all the travellers; it flourishes in learning as well as in commerce, and is "one of the prettiest towns in Europe," with sages and patriots for citizens; "the Clyde is a delightful stream"; and "I have seen the Lago di Garda, Albano, De Vico, Bolsena, and Geneva, and upon my honour, I prefer Lough-Lomond to them all." The laughableness of Lismahago made him a conveniently safe mouthpiece for what were perhaps Smollett's own sentiments in regard to the Union. Smollett, in 1770, confessed himself unable to see how Scotland could be benefited by the depopulation of the rural and Highland districts, and he seems to suggest the need for a change in the land system. What would he have to say about rural Scotland to-day?

LONDON SCOTS IN THE WAR.
The story of "The London Scottish in the Great War," by Lieut.-Col. J. H. Lindsay, stands out amid many kindred volumes of colour and a personal touch, as a record of the collaboration of many individuals in the work. An account of recommitting a position, for example, is relieved by a little story of the corporal who presented a pair of wirecutters at a couple of Germans, demanding their surrender—which he got, and, later on, the D.C.M. There are lots of pitiful passages—e.g., the early days of the 36th Division a certain Staff officer criticised the Scottish for trying to run a battalion on public school lines. The battle of Gemmescourt was fought soon after, and the criticism was withdrawn. From first to last, some 3,000 non-commissioned officers and men were taken for commissions in other units. This was a flattering recognition of the fine material to be found in the ranks, but the 1st Batt., especially, often felt the strain of being "at one and the same time a fighting unit and an officers' training corps." Then, to read such a passage as this in a regimental history is always a pleasing thing. On July 6th, battalions of the 66th Division moved to the line for instruction by battalions of the 31st (Highland) Division, whom they were to relieve, the Scottish (2nd Batt.) going to the sector held by the 17th (Deeside) Gordon Highlanders. Instructional tours are always a little trying, alike for instructors and pupils. The Gordons, however, many of them only youths in their teens, were patient with the newcomers, and by the time they finally moved out on July 12th, the 1st Batt. Scottish in full possession of their own trench life, and the habits of the enemy, but by their contempt for the Hun and their utter fearlessness of all danger, had left behind them an inspiration which many London Scots carried with them through their entire war service. Col. Lindsay claims that by their wonderful stand at Messines on Halloween, 1914, "the first, and in a sense the greatest, of their battles, the London Scottish proved beyond all possible cavil the right of the Territorial Force to take its place in the annals of British fighting." Brigade (1st Coldstream, 1st Scots Guards, 1st Black Watch and 1st Cameron), and never failing to do their duty, the lads in the "hadden grey" proved beyond question the truthfulness of our old citizen army. The London Scottish, it may be mentioned, was raised in 1859, but originally only one company wore the kilt; it was not until 1872 that all the regiment adopted the "Highland petticoat."

FLARE OF REMEMBRANCE.
Mr. E. V. Lucas, in a letter to a London contemporary, suggests that the Cenotaph in London should be crowned with a perpetual flame. It is now suggested that there should be a similar flame on the top of the Scott War Memorial in Edinburgh Castle. It would be visible for scores of miles around, especially to the North, over the Firth of Forth, and away to the outposts of the Highlands.

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POLITICAL MORALE.
Mr. Baldwin's speech referred to above recalls that it was of the mid-Victorian Parliaments that Dickens, writing of his experiences in the Treasury Gallery at Westminster, said: "Night after night, I record predictions that never come to pass, professions that are never fulfilled, explanations that are only meant to mystify."

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ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE. PRESENTATIONS BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

The members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade paraded at Government House yesterday morning, when certificates and medallions were presented to them by H.E. the Governor (Mr. Cecil Clementi, C.M.G.).

Those present included the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mrs. and Miss Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, the Hon. Mr. Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C. (Attorney General), Dr. and Mrs. Minnett, Mr. A. R. Sutherland, Dr. W. B. A. Moore, Dr. and Sir. Stuart Taylor, Dr. T. Wong, Mr. Ho Kom Tong, Dr. Koch, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Mr. G. F. Nightingale, Divisional Superintendent Morris, Divisional Superintendent H. el Arculli (Indian Division), and Divisional Superintendent Ralston (Kowloon Division).

FINE RECORD OF SERVICE.

Prior to the presentations, Mr. E. RALPHS, District Commissioner, said:—As you, sir, have taken a very active part in developing the work of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Ceylon, it is not necessary for me to enlarge upon the value and importance of ambulance training and I shall touch only lightly on the work of the Hongkong Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade during the year. In June last, we increased our membership and formed two new divisions or companies—an Indian division consisting entirely of members of the Indian community, in charge of Mr. H. el Arculli, with Dr. Samy as surgeon, and the Kowloon division, consisting of Europeans under Mr. Ralston. At the same time the membership of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. was largely increased, as was that of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, both very active and very efficient divisions. The members of the Corps have made every effort to become proficient so successfully that all—the number of 100—have without exception been examined and passed as "efficient" for the year, and the examining surgeons have reported that a high standard has been attained. I may mention here that every member is obliged to take a course of instruction and pass an efficiency test annually, so that our uniform is a guarantee that the wearer is really proficient in ambulance work.

The members are always ready to respond to a call to render first aid to the injured, as far as public duty is concerned they provided—as in previous years—a detachment for duty at the Races, and took charge of the Government motor ambulances during July and August last, keeping a squad of men on duty, night and day, continuously in both Hongkong and Kowloon. Numerous accident cases have been attended during the year, the most serious being the Po Hin Fong disaster, when the full strength of the Corps was engaged for several days. I may mention here that while we were on parade yesterday a messenger arrived in hot haste to report that a member of a football team playing on the Sookeenpoo ground had broken his leg. The requisite number of our men were told to fall out and render assistance. Twenty minutes later they were back in the ranks having treated the case, under the direction of one of our corps surgeons, who was on parade, and conveying the patient to an adjacent hospital. I would here pay a tribute to the many medical men in the Colony who have helped us and who are untiring in their labours in training our members in first aid work.

The generosity of Mr. Ho Kom Tong in defraying all the expenses of the Corps has already been mentioned to your Excellency. I may add that we never receive any financial assistance from the Government, nor are we allowed to receive fees or payment of any kind from patients. We propose to hold, before the end of the month, the annual competitions for the Brigade Efficiency Competition for the year. Your Excellency will honour us by being present on the occasion and presenting the shield to the winners. By way of relaxation, our members are encouraged to take up various sports. Boxing, swimming, cricket, and football are popular. One of the events in the swimming contests is a life-saving competition, in which a dummy of the size and weight of an average man is thrown into the water, recovered and brought ashore by each competitor in turn, and the various methods of resuscitation of the apparently drowned demonstrated. I now beg to ask you, Sir, to distribute the various awards.

(Continued on next column.)

CORRESPONDENCE. THE TRANS-SIBERIAN ROUTE TO EUROPE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

Sir,—I have read with interest the article which appeared in your issue of 12th inst. on present conditions of travel by the Siberian route. As I have only recently made the trip to England and back by that route, I wish to correct possible mistaken impressions which may be formed in the minds of travellers proposing to travel "via Siberia."

While naturally not in sympathy with the present Soviet system in Russia it must certainly be admitted that great improvements have been effected on the Trans-Siberian Railway during the past year or so and that the journey can now be made in comparative comfort and safety and at a minimum of time and expense. I would certainly recommend any business man in a hurry to get home to travel "via Siberia," and further with the assurance that the journey from Shanghai to London can be made in 15 days, "via Dairen."

On both the homeward and return journeys—travelling 1st class throughout—I experienced no trouble or delay whatever either from officials or on account of breakdowns, brigands or any other cause. In fact I formed the strong impression that the Soviet authorities were doing their best to improve the railway and to make travel as safe as possible in the circumstances in which they are placed and with the means at their disposal.

I found the old 1st class Wagon-Lits cars were clean and comfortable and fitted out with hot and cold water supply and other necessities for the long journey. The restaurant car arrangements were on the whole satisfactory; good food was obtainable at fairly reasonable prices and the waiters were courteous and attentive.

While it is no doubt true that there is still a lot of suffering in Moscow (and Russia generally) I must say that I found the hotel arrangements were good, the hotel in Moscow at which I stayed was clean, food was good, bathroom arrangements above reproach, and the charges were fairly moderate.

In conclusion, I may say candidly that I have found the journey across Canada more "thrilling" than the long stretch across Siberia, and that as far as actual comfort is concerned the Trans-Siberian Express from Moscow to China leaves very little to be desired.—Yours faithfully,

"SATISFIED."

Hongkong, December 12th, 1925.

THE AWARDS.

The various awards, which were as follows, were then presented by H.E. the Governor:—

The "Holyoak Attendance Cup," for the best attendance at drills and lectures during 1924.—The Kowloon-Canton Railway division.

The "Lau Chu Pak" Duty Cup, for the best record of actual ambulance and first aid duty performed during 1924.—The Chinese Y.M.C.A. division.

The trophies and winners of swimming events were:—Ho Tung, Life Saving Cup, the Kowloon division; "Kadoorie Shield" team race, Kowloon division; "Ho Brothers" Cup, 100 yards, Kowloon division; "Nam Young" Cup, 100 yards handiicap, Indian division; "Chan Chan Nam" Cup, 50 yards handiicap, Indian division; "Chater Shield," for the division obtaining the most points at the meeting, The Kowloon Division.

The ambulance awards showed that the number of men gaining certificates totalled 103, and included five who had passed their fifth annual examination. Eleven had passed their fourth examination; 14, the third; 15, the second; and 53, the first. A number of these were awarded medallions with their certificates.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S TRIBUTE.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR, after expressing the pleasure he felt in renewing association with the Brigade, said: "I am particularly glad to note the very smart appearance of those who appear before me to-day, and I congratulate the recipients of the certificates, and am very pleased to note that a number have renewed them for five four years, in some cases even longer, also the winners of trophies."

It is a matter of pride, I think, to the community, that there should be so many volunteers willing to train themselves efficiently for the good for their fellow citizens in Hongkong. I shall take the keenest interest in your work and I hope to see a great deal more from time to time in the course of the next few months. I accept the invitation of your Commissioner to attend at the display to take place before the end of the month.

As Head of the Government, also, I am pleased to see so many men in the railway service who have trained themselves to give first aid in cases of accidents. I shall do my utmost to see that before long a very large percentage of officers and men in the police force are similarly trained. I wish you good day and all success throughout the coming year."

LOCAL SPORT.

BOXING.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IN THE RING.

[BY CADGFFDD.]

A boxing tournament between the men of H.M.S. *Harkness* and the 1st Batt. East Surrey Regt. took place at the Murray Barracks last night, when each side won five fights. With perhaps a single exception the fights were good and vigorously contested. The feature of the tournament was the display of Stoker Lee against Drummer Bowles, the Colony's featherweight champion. Lee showed that he could fight and box, and with training he should make a really successful exponent.

The referees were Lieut. Hill and Lieut. Beatty; judges, Lieut. Majendie, and Major Lintyre; time-keeper, Lieut. Murray Smith. C.S.M. Parkes was the announcer.

At the conclusion of the tourney, Lieut. Col. Montague-Bates, C.M.G., D.S.O., presented medals to all the contestants.

The Band of the East Surreys, prior to the beginning of the contests, gave an admirable selection of pieces.

Results follow:—

A GAME MAN.

Welterweights.—Stoker Morrell (147 lbs.) v. Pte. Mann (143 lbs.). In the first round Morrell dealt heavy swings to the face and body, and Mann was prone to fall into clinches. In the infighting Morrell was also superior. In the second round Mann took a deal of punishment but was very game. Morrell attacked throughout the last round, and won easily on points. Mann was, however, very plucky.

SHORT AND SWIFT.

Lightweights.—Stoker Wright (136 lbs.) v. Pte. A. Grant (135 lbs.). A slashing first round in which both men slogged hard. Wright was knocked out.

A COMING LAD.

Featherweight.—Stoker Lee (127 lbs.) v. Dmr. Bowles (126 lbs.). A good first round saw Bowles use his characteristic left jab and hard rights. Lee was putting up a nice fight and gave the Drummer some trouble with his left. The sailor won the second round by virtue of his left leads. He attacked and seldom missed. After an even third round an extra round was ordered. Bowles went narrowly. Lee is a fine boxer, and it was the opinion of many that he should have been given the verdict at the conclusion of the third round.

A CLEAN PUNCH.

Light-heavyweights.—C.Y.S. Allen (161 lbs.) v. L/C Williams (163 lbs.). This fight was over in the first round. Allen, after dealing heavy punishment, knocked his man out with a clean punch to the jaw.

AN EASY WIN.

Middleweights.—A.B. Pearce (157 lbs.) v. L/C Brand (158 lbs.). Pearce had it all his own way in the first round, but Brand was wonderfully game. Brand was knocked out in the second round.

A PLUCKY LAD.

Welterweights.—A.B. Jackson (146 lbs.) v. Cpl. Robbins (142 lbs.). The first round was fiercely contested. Once Jackson received a nasty left on the point, but on the whole he was the aggressor and the cleaner hitter. At the end of the second round, Robbins seemed spent. After being floored twice in the last round, Robbins, who throughout fought pluckily, gave up.

A STICKER.

Bantamweights.—Marine Doherty (119 lbs.) v. Dmr. Simpson (116 lbs.). This was a good fight, with the exchanges in the first round fairly even. Both men fought hard in the second, but there were few clean punches. Simpson, who committed his opponent early in the third round with hard rights to the body, and Doherty to save himself from further punishment clung to his opponent. He, however, stuck on gamely to the end.

A SLOGGING MATCH.

Lightweights.—Stoker Brown (126 lbs.) v. Pte. Ditch (125 lbs.). This fight was not spectacular. Neither Brown nor Ditch knew much about ringcraft. It was a slogging match. Ditch won on points.

A TIGERISH CONTEST.

Featherweights.—A.B. Beach (125 lbs.) v. Cpl. Choules (127 lbs.). The first round was fierce and both men hit hard and often. Choules, in a crouching attitude, was difficult to hit. The second round was if anything fiercer. After a wild, slogging last round, Choules won on points.

GAME FLYWEIGHT.

Flyweights.—O.S. Haugh (111 lbs.) v. Pte. Woolcott (115 lbs.). Both lads were fast and what advantage Woolcott gained early in the first round, by virtue of his sure hitting, Haugh in turn emulated. In the second round, Haugh sent his man down with a terrific right hand body blow, and Woolcott rose "groggly" when the gong went. Woolcott began the last round vigorously, but before it ended he had been badly battered and retired.

SUMMARY COURT.

UNSTAMPED RECEIPTS.

Judgment for \$250 and costs was given by Mr. Justice Wood yesterday in favour of an Indian money-lender, who sued a Chinese. An order for instalments of \$50 a month was made. The figure was almost double the amount the defendant had actually received in cash.

Defendant's receipt for payments on account were not stamped, and His Lordship intimated that he would communicate the fact to the Colonial Treasurer.

DISPUTE ABOUT A CUBICLE.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for a defendant in an action for damage to property. The plaintiff was a Chinese lumber merchant, who alleged that whilst he was away in the country, defendant, who was his landlord, had removed some of his property.

For the defence, it was stated that whilst plaintiff was away, the landlord had, on an order from the Sanitary Board, enlarged the cubicle by lengthening the partition.

Plaintiff was non-suited.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

CASE AGAINST CHINESE CONTINUED.

The case in which a Chinese named Tse Hing is charged with conspiring with others to defraud another Chinese of \$2,000, was continued before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Sergeant Rozeksky, who is conducting the Police case, said he took charge of the case on November 27th. When the complainant was at the Police Station, she said the only witnesses she had to call were two *fukis* in her shop. He then told her that on her evidence she had no case. Two days later, however, she again turned up at the Station and said she had another witness—a woman who was in the shop when money was handed over to the defendant, and who was also present when the man was arrested. It was on her evidence that the case was proceeded with. When he asked the complainant why she had not produced her as a witness at first, complainant said she had forgotten about the woman.

Mr. L. H. Turner, who appeared for defendant, said that in view of the evidence given, a statement that defendant was going to make, in his opinion, would be of assistance to His Worship as a sketch of the defence. The story of the prosecution as told by Mr. McCallum was overwhelming, and the evidence seemed practically unanimous that he would recall his client and ask him questions he thought were unnecessary before. He asked his client what he thought was the motive behind the prosecution, and the man told him that complainant was indebted to him for negotiating the release of her two children who were kidnaped.

Defendant, giving evidence, said he had a \$200 share in the firm, and was later given a "red" share to the value of \$250, making a total of \$450.

SERVANTS' WAGES.

EUROPEAN LADY SUED AT KOWLOON.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning, a houseboy and amah claimed from Mrs. E. McKim, No. 3, Hankow Road, a month's wages each in lieu of notice. The boy, who gave his name as Chung Luk, said the amah and he were dismissed by Mrs. McKim on November 27th, as she was leaving her rooms in Humphreys Flats, above the Kowloon Store, to go to an hotel. Witness was told to apply to No. 3, Hankow Road for his salary. The amah and he went round to the address given, but Mrs. McKim refused to pay them, saying that she did not have the money to do so. He was not given any notice at the beginning of the month.

In reply to questions by Mrs. McKim, witness denied receiving \$20 and \$10 from her.

The amah was called and corroborated his statements. Mrs. McKim said she had lived in Humphreys Flats for seven years. On November 15th she discovered she would not require her servants at the end of the month. On the 22nd Mr. McIntosh's boy, who was employed in the next flat, told them, through witness, that they would be no longer required. The previous day she had paid the \$20 and \$10, the latter sum being for the amah. They demanded more money, and she told them they could go to the Police about the matter.

His Worship adjourned the case for Mr. McIntosh's boy to be called.

SWATOW NEWS.

JAPANESE STEAMERS BANNED.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

According to the vernacular Press the "People's League of Diplomatic Support" has issued a circular announcing that a resolution was passed at a meeting of the Executive Committee held on December 2nd that Japanese steamers coming from Keelung or Amoy to Swatow, as well as ships of any other nationality having occasion to touch Hongkong, shall be prevented from loading or unloading if they are known to be bound for Hongkong after their clearance from Swatow.

CARGO FOR HONGKONG.

It is reported in a vernacular paper that at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the "People's League of Diplomatic Support" held on December 5th, Japanese merchants submitted a statement that the *Amakusa Maru* which entered Swatow lately from Formosa left for Hongkong before December 3rd on which date the League resolved not to permit landing or loading of steamers on their way to or from Hongkong. They suggested that under the circumstances the ship should be allowed to load or discharge upon her return from Hongkong, promising not to apply for the same permission hereafter.

After careful consideration, it was resolved that the ship should not be allowed to load or discharge at Swatow on her expected arrival from the Colony, so that there might be no deviation from the resolution passed by the League on December 3rd.

The Dutch Consul, Mr. von Dobben, wrote saying that he was sending a representative to call upon the League and apply for permission for the departure of the *Van Uloom*. As the ship was to leave for Hongkong on her way to Singapore exactly contrary to the resolution of the League, it was resolved that the agents and the consignees be told to return all their goods that had been loaded on her, the discharge to be done under the supervision of the Students Alliance and be confined only to freight loaded from Swatow, or that other inward cargoes might not be taken ashore by mistake or intentionally.

WHITE RUSSIANS IN SWATOW.

The Executive Committee of the People's League of Diplomatic Support at a recent meeting resolved that the Clerks Union and the Strike Committee should be charged with the duty of investigating if certain White Russians were in Swatow at the "instigation of Imperialism."

REDS AND MISSION SCHOOLS.

At a meeting of the Committee for the recovery of educational control from foreigners, resolutions were passed requiring the Nanchang College to register with the local Government within a fortnight, that it shall be required to issue a second sworn declaration, in terms to be approved by the Committee, announcing that it will have no further connection with the British or their religion, and that missionaries shall not be permitted to reside on the premises. Furthermore, that through the student body it shall be declared that the building is the property of the Education Authority and not that of any English Mission, or Chinese individuals or public bodies.

The Gospel School and the Boys' Brigade School are also required to sever their connection with the British Mission, register with the local government within two weeks, not allow missionaries to reside at the schools nor tolerate the reading of the Bible or the holding of religious services.

The Committee was informed that the Theological College had ceased to be carried on so that it was classed as "beyond consideration for the present."

The E.P.M. Women's School is to be the subject of further investigation.

A FOOT-FAUT QUERY.

A Swatow correspondent enquires if the following is a foot-fault:—The ball is hit with the server's left foot on the ground behind the base-line. The right foot is in the air but over the base line. After the ball is hit the right foot comes to the ground inside the base line.

The whole movement is a step towards the net but is not completed until after the ball has left the racket.

(Below is the rule governing the question, which clearly proves that our correspondent has given an excellent example of a foot-fault.)

Immediately before commencing to serve, the server shall stand with both feet at rest behind the base-line, and within the imaginary continuation of the centre-mark and side-line, and thereafter until the service has been delivered the server shall (a) Not change his position by walking or running; (b) Maintain contact with the ground; (c) Keep both his feet behind the base-line.]

CANTON NEWS.

PLANS TO SUPPRESS BRIGANDAGE.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

To suppress brigandage and piracy in Kwangtung Province, the Canton Government has decided to divide the territory into six sections, to each of which will be assigned a brigade of troops and a Kuomintang commissar. The stations of the commissars and their brigades will be Kongmoon, Shihing, Waichow, Tai-ping, and other places. To provide the necessary funds, the rice farm owners within the sections of operation will be ordered to pay a special assessment of 20 cents per *mow* of land they hold.

The Navy will be required to detail patrol launches for the protection of shipping on the rivers throughout the province.

It is intended to assign marines to steamers and junks willing to pay for the service. When a number of vessels leave port together, a special convoy of armed launches will be provided. Fees for the service will be \$120, \$100, \$80, \$40 a month, according to the number of marines needed on board the vessel desiring protection. The Shipping Protective Service Bureau was opened on December 12th. It is in charge of Tong Fuk Kai, supervisor; Tang Shih, bureau chief; and Commander Kao Chung Yu, commanding the marines on service.

WHAMPOA DOCKS TO BE REOPENED.

To strengthen the Navy, the thirty or more small steamers and patrol boats lying around Honam-mei are to be reconditioned and, according to the announcement, the Canton Government dockyards in Whampoa, abandoned some ten years ago during the Kwangsi military administration of Kwangtung, will be rebuilt under the auspices of the local Naval authorities. A Mr. Wu King Ying, a naval architect and shipbuilder educated in England, who has been in the Chinese Government service in Nanking for some years, has been commissioned to reconstruct the Whampoa docks. According to estimates submitted, only a little more than \$300,000 is required to refit the docks for service. Most of the plant removed from the docks some years ago is still in Canton in the hands of private dockyards which are now already doing some overhauling work for the Government. The large amount of work to be done is moving the naval authorities to refit their own docks.

PORT DEVELOPMENT AT WHAMPOA.

Nine organizations in Canton, headed by the Chinese National Labour Union, are organizing a Whampoa Port Development Association. The preliminary statement says they propose to procure the support of local and overseas Chinese to make Whampoa a trade port so as to promote Chinese trade and economic independence. A general committee comprising two representatives from each organization participating will be formed, but the actual work of promotion will be in the hands of an executive committee of 15 members.

INTERFERENCE OF STRIKE PICKETS.

The growing assertion of governmental power by the strike pickets has now become a nuisance and a problem to those who first supported or at least tolerated it. Following the complaints of the Chinese Post Office in Canton, the Customs Authorities in Wuchow are now protesting against the interference of strike pickets who are now claiming the right of search.

STRIKE PICKET REORGANISATION.

The reorganized strike pickets now number more than 3,000. They are grouped into nine battalions of about 350 men each, including leaders and clerks in charge. Two battalions are to be stationed at Canton City proper, and one battalion each at Shumehun, Shekhi, Chinsan, Wanchai, and Bo-an. The rest are to be despatched to Kongmoon, Yeungkong, Pakhoi, and districts in Southern Kwangtung. There is a special company of pickets for service afloat to prevent unauthorized persons from leaving Canton for Hongkong or Macao. The strike committee in Canton has decided now to issue only 100 permits a day for persons to go to Hongkong. According to a recent announcement of the strike committee, all persons accused of violating strike rules and regulations are to be tried only by the "court" set up by the strike committee.

THE SHAMEEN-SHAKKE AFFAIR.

ANALYSIS OF CASUALTIES.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

An analysis of occupations of Chinese shot or injured in the Shameen-Shakee affair of June 23rd, 1923, compiled from the official list of the Commission of Investigation appointed by the local Chinese Government shows:—

TOTAL CASUALTIES:—150, classified as follows: Soldiers, mostly of the Whampoa Army 53, or 35 per cent.; Students 29, or 19 per cent.; Unknown 20, or 13 per cent.; Labourers 18, or 11 per cent.; Merchants 11, or 7 per cent.; Peddlers 5, or 3 per cent.; Miscellaneous 7.

KILLED:—Shot by bullets, 44; Trampled, 1; Cause not specified, 7. Soldiers 26, or 59 per cent.; Unknown 9, or 17 per cent.; Merchants 8, or 18 per cent.; Labourers 3, or 6 per cent.; Students 3, or 6 per cent.; Professor, 1; Seaman, 1; Policeman, 1; Fortune-teller, 1.

WOUNDED:—Shot, 82; Trampled by crowd, 37.

WOUNDED BY BULLETS:—77, of whom 66 or 73 per cent. were military; Labourers 8, or 10 per cent.; Occupations unknown 5, or 6 per cent.; Merchants 3, or 4 per cent.; Peddlers 3, or 4 per cent.; Students 3, or 3 per cent. Some of the soldiers were shot through the axilla, evidently while the arm was raised in firing.

INJURED BY FALL, COLLISION OR TRAMPLED UPON BY CROWD:—For the most part not seriously hurt: Total 40. Students 24, or 60 per cent.; Labourers 5, or 13 per cent.; Soldiers 3, or 8 per cent.; Unknown 3, or 8 per cent.; Policeman, 1; Seaman, 1; Peddler, 1; Fortune-teller, 1; Woman, 1.

WOUNDED ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.

Of 23 cases admitted and requiring prolonged treatment, 14 took part in the procession. Of these 10 were military, 2 civilians and 2 who were students were trampled upon by the crowd. Eleven were not in the procession. Of these 4 were spectators, 4 were passing along the street and 3 were peddlers selling their wares and accidentally shot.

It would appear that the great majority of those killed and wounded by bullets were soldiers mostly of the Whampoa Army. Very few of the civilians who took part in the procession seem to have been shot, most of the civilians so injured were apparently spectators, people passing by at the time or those engaged in business in that vicinity and accidentally shot.

That Shameen authorities tried to prevent hostilities seems evident from such facts as: The British Consul-General in the Church the Sunday previous urged his nationals to refrain from any provocative act on the occasion of the anti-foreign demonstration and also to keep away from the Shameen side of Shameen. He urged that the Chinese Government call off the proposed strike and demonstration, that the canal be cleared of boats on which soldiers might cross and that the procession should not pass along Shameen. He and the Senior Naval Officer were standing in the forefront. No order was given to fire from Shameen.

TROUBLE AT KWANGTUNG UNIVERSITY.

The collegiate department of the Kwangtung University in Canton is still unable to resume instruction because of the resignation of its faculty. Some 42 of its 56 professors have already left the institution, and of those who resigned, 38 are now in Shanghai where they are vigorously protesting against the replacement of a moderate by a red hot Bolsheviki, as President of the University. The new president, Mr. Chan Kung Pok, is concurrently acting chief of the Labour and Young People's division of the Kuomintang Party and Labour commissar of the Canton Government. Mr. Chan, who was appointed Head of the University on December 4th, has no intention of giving up his new post. Mr. Chau Lu, the dismissed President, opposed the acceptance of conditions from the Soviet Russians, in return for pecuniary aid, that graduates of the Kwangtung University should be sent to Moscow for further courses of instruction, thus virtually subordinating the Canton to the Moscow institution to be known as the "Chungshan" or Dr. Sun Yat Sen University. Mr. Chau Lu is now in Peking.

ANTI-CHRISTIAN CAMPAIGN.

The Canton anti-Christian movement organized to create demonstrations against the Churches during the Christmas holidays, claims that it has the support of more than 50 labour and student unions of the city. In a circular it says the "General League against Christianity of the Young People's Revolutionary Party," with Kwangtung University as its meeting place, alleges that Christianity is curtailing freedom of thought and speech and a general appeal for support is made for a movement which aims at ending "this intellectual bondage."

The Canton Christian Council is publishing a paper called *The Bell* to explain the Christian attitude towards science and politics.

GOLF NOTES.

[BY "ALMOST A CHAMPION."]

The annual meeting of the Golf Club takes place this afternoon, 15th, in Jardine's Board Room at 5.30, and in view of the many difficulties which have to be borne nowadays by the Committee, it is up to all members to attend the meeting, and assist in giving a representative opinion on the various problems which are to be discussed, including extensions or repairs to the Club House at Fanling.

Few of the old Committee will be available to serve another term, and fresh blood will have to be introduced to carry on the work of the men who have brought the Club to its present healthy state.

The Club Championship has now reached its final stage, and the result is still open. Everyone is sorry that the President, A. H. Ferguson, is not one of the finalists. He has been the most consistent golfer of the year, but, even the best of players cannot be on the top of their game all the time. Our sympathy must also go out to R. M. Smith, who was obviously suffering from a bad attack of dengue fever, and should not have played at all. W. Douglas generously offered to postpone the game.

The finalists are H. U. Ireland, and W. Douglas, and it is hard to prophesy which of the two will gain the honour of being this year's Champion. Ireland is the more experienced player, and his victory over Ferguson gives him an additional "pull," but Douglas, who, I understand, played really well in the Manila Inter-Port, has been playing steady golf all season, and will take a lot of beating.

They are well matched. If Ireland can keep up his form he may win, but Douglas is dour, and hard to beat, and it would not surprise me to see him come out on top, if only because of his unflinching optimism.

We are glad to welcome back I. W. Shewan, last year's runner-up in the Championship. During his three months' sojourn in Japan, he actually won the Championship of that country, but was disqualified on a technicality, which I venture to submit is not provided for in the Rules of Golf. He went into the Club House during his round, for a scoring pencil, and the punishment appears to me to be most drastic.

A. B. Stewart, a former Hongkong Champion, is due back shortly but I hear he will be stationed in Shanghai.

THE OIL-CONTROVERSY AT WUCHOW.

A.P.C. WITHDRAW FROM THE PORT.

THE ALLEGED REASON.

The Asiatic Petroleum Company have closed their offices at Wuchow; the staff have evacuated, and the remaining stocks of oil were brought away in a number of lighters, and motor boats, conveyed by H.M.S. *Cicada*. This withdrawal is stated to be on account of the oil monopoly created by the military authorities, and interference with trade by the Strike Union, which taxed every ton of oil delivered.

For some time the A.P.C. supplied the military, but this arrangement made it difficult for the owners of motor-boats and Chinese merchants to procure oil, except with the sanction of the Military, or from the Military itself. In spite of numerous petitions made to the Government, the monopoly was continued.

The Standard Oil Company's staff are still in Wuchow, but enquiries at the Hongkong offices, elicited the information that no business is being done in the sale of oil.

Wuchow is, therefore, a port without oil. Ninety per cent. of the motor-boats which number over thirty, plying between Nanning and Luichow, use crude oil, and will now have to remain idle. Most of the trade with up river ports will also be brought to a standstill.

A Hongkong vernacular newspaper referring to the A.P.C.'s withdrawal, states that the Oil Monopoly Bureau has contracted with a Chinese firm, whose head offices are in Hongkong for delivery of kerosene at \$7 a case, which the bureau will retail at \$8.50 a case. It is presumed that the oil is coming from Shanghai.

AEROPLANES FOR CANTON.

The *Canton Gazette* states that on the arrival of "the U.S.S.R. mail steamer," at Canton last Thursday several aeroplanes were unloaded. Our contemporary explains that "the Government sent special officials over to Holland with funds amounting to \$500,000 for the purchase of aeroplanes for Canton civil aviation."

MORE PICKETS FOR SHUM CHUN.

The *Canton Gazette* of the 12th inst. states: With a view to carry out effectively the boycott of Hongkong and as a precaution against people infringing the strike movement, the Strike Committee has sent more than 200 pickets to Shum Chun for this purpose.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held TO-DAY, 15TH DECEMBER, in the Board Room of Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., at 5.30 P.M. Business as already notified.

By Order of the Committee,
E. D. MATTHEWS,
Secretary, R.H.K.G.C.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

FANLING COMPETITIONS AT CHRISTMAS.

1.—25TH-27TH DEC.—Members and Subscribers: Old Course. Bogey Post \$1. Entrance Unlimited entries. 10 per cent. to Club, 50 per cent. to Winner, 30 per cent. to Second.
2.—Morning, 25TH DEC.—Members only: Old Course. Bogey Post \$1. Entrance Unlimited entries. 10 per cent. to Club, 50 per cent. to Winner, 30 per cent. to Second.
3.—25TH DEC.—Members and Subscribers: New Course. Mixed Bogey Competition. \$1 Entrance. No restrictions as to whether Lady or Man drives at Odd or Even Paces. A prize to Winning Lady if 10 entries.
4.—27TH DEC.—Members only: Only One entry from each player. Prize to Winner.
NEW YEAR.
1.—1ST JAN.—1926—Members and Subscribers: Old Course. Bogey Post \$1. Entrance Unlimited entries. 10 per cent. to Club, 50 per cent. to Winner, 30 per cent. to Second.
2.—1ST-3RD JAN.—Members only: Old Course. Limit (15) HANDICAP COMPETITION. No entrance fees. Only one card each player. Extra prize to be offered by the Club.
3.—1ST JAN.—1926—Members and Subscribers: New Course. Mixed Bogey Competition. \$1 Entrance. No restrictions as to whether Lady or Man drives at Odd or Even Paces. A prize to Winning Lady if 10 entries.
14th December, 1925. [2972]

NOTIFICATION.

THE OFFICES AND STATIONS OF THE CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon District will be CLOSED TO PUBLIC BUSINESS on the 22ND, 23RD and 24TH DECEMBER, 1925.

N. B. M. SHAW,
Acting Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District.
York Buildings,
Hongkong, 14th December, 1925. [2971]

"GLEN LINE LIMITED."

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA PORTS.

THE Steamship.

"CARNARVONSHIRE"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and/or from the wharves, Delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 21st Dec., 1925, at Noon, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, on 18th Dec., 1925, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer including those for Cargo short delivered must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1925. [2970]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

AND

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

FROM NEW YORK VIA MANILA.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "TITAN"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf.

The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 14th December.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st December, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 4th January, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1925. [2969]

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NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG AND CANTON ICE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

of the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 9, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 22ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 14th to 20th DECEMBER, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1925. [2964]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT M. F. MURPHY, a Valuer Connected with this Company, and CEASED TO SIGN as SECRETARY from 1st DECEMBER, 1925.

KOWLOON TONG AND NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.

E. D. SHANK,
General Manager.

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THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

of the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 27, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1925, at 11.30 O'CLOCK, in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the Year ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 10th DECEMBER, 1925, until MONDAY, the 21st DECEMBER, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1925. [2953]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, MALTA, PORTSAID, ADEN, COLOMBO AND NERATE.

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Optional Goods will be landed here unless Notice has been given to the contrary Six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage Period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 31st December, 1925, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MAACKINNON, MAACKINNON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1925. [2963]

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LLOYD TRIESTINO NAV. CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "VIMINALE"

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, BRINDISI, PORT SAID, MANSOURAH, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves Delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless Notice to the contrary be given before the 9th instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th inst., will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 25th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

By Order of the Agent,
DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1925. [2969]

S.S. "AMBOISE"

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLE, LES, &c., in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence Delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless Intimation is received from the Consignees before 3.00 p.m. To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter. Goods remaining undelivered after Friday, the 18th instant, at 10.00 a.m., will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Monday, the 21st instant, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged Packages will be examined on Friday, the 18th instant, at 10.00 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. BODENFELS, Agent.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1925. [2965]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

AND

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "THESEUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 11th December.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th December, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 31st December, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1925. [2962]

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LOST.—In the Ladies' Cloak Room of the Hongkong Hotel on Thursday last, a Diamond Ring, Finder will be suitably Rewarded on Returning Same to THE MANAGER, Hongkong Hotel. [164]

SALES ASSISTANT. Old established British House in Singapore invites Applications from British Subjects of European Birth for Post of Field Man. Good Opening for Young Man possessing Good Health, Manners and Energy. Knowledge of Malay and Dutch an Asset. Copies of all Testimonials Required. Apply—Box No 148, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [148]

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Why should a man whose blood is warm within,
Sit like his grandier cut in alabaster?
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Merchant of Venice. Act I, Sc. 1.

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BIRTHS.

BLACK.—At Shanghai, on December 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. ADAM BLACK, a daughter.

BROOMFIELD.—At Shanghai, on December 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. BROOMFIELD, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, a daughter.

Hongkong Office: 1A, Chater Road.

London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

Hongkong, DECEMBER 15th, 1925.

THE SINGAPORE BASE.

We learn from the Naval and Military Record that rumour is current at home to the effect that the Admiralty are contemplating a considerable modification of the original scheme for the development of Singapore into a great Naval base.

Since that statement was published we have seen but one reference to the project made by a responsible Minister of the Crown.

Mr. AMERY, the Secretary of State for the Dominions (as it is the practice to call him in the self-governing parts of the Empire), and that reference certainly lent no colour to the rumour.

We have resumed work on the Singapore base, he said, for without this base Great Britain cannot protect a billion-pound's worth of its sea-borne trade nor go to the aid of Australasia in time of danger.

"This work at Singapore," Mr. AMERY declared, "meant the laying of the moral foundations of naval co-operation between the nations of the Empire in the future, as well as ensuring naval security in the days immediately ahead."

On the other hand the EARL OF OXFORD and ASQUITH in a public speech delivered the same evening referred to the Singapore base project as "a grandiose and extravagant scheme which when completed would be as obsolete as wooden ships."

On that point it is interesting to have the opinion of the Naval expert, though the noble Earl would probably say that it is a question that rests with the legislator rather than with the Naval expert. That there will be international conferences following the Locarno Pact, resulting in further limitation of armaments is certain, but there is a big difference between limitation and total extinction. It will be a long time yet before we witness the total disappearance of the capital ship. Nothing that the EARL or OXFORD and his followers may say is likely to lead to a suspension of the work of construction at Singapore now that it has been actually started, though the Service Journal we have quoted regards it as quite intelligible that the Admiralty, in view of the likelihood of a further restriction of armaments in the near future, should "feel rather dubious as to progressing with this big scheme in its entirety." But political idealism, it says, must not be allowed to obscure the strategical vision. "If we wanted Singapore yesterday, and there is no question that we did—we shall equally want it to-morrow. At the most, any change in the situation can only be one of dimensions." It is reckoned that the undertaking will take ten years to complete, and we can agree with our Service contemporary when it says that in the existing posture of Naval affairs he would be a bold prophet indeed who should predict what things will be nine years hence. The EARL OF OXFORD and ASQUITH is certainly astonishingly bold to be predicting that the Singapore base will be as obsolete as wooden ships. As our Service contemporary says, "In 1934 we shall still possess capital ships fully serviceable for war, and even should we build no more we are pretty sure to continue using what we have got so long as they remain efficient for their work."

Intending subscribers are reminded that the lists of the Hongkong Telephone Company, Ltd., open to-day.

Fifteen prominent Chinese business houses in Manila have last co-operated with a view of establishing a produce exchange there.

A typhoon warning was received from the Manila Observatory yesterday afternoon reporting a cyclone or typhoon S. of Guam, direction unknown.

It is understood that the large body of Hongkong Chinese merchants, known as the Fraternity Party, are likely to leave on their projected visit to Canton on Thursday.

At the Marine Court yesterday, Lieut. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., fined a steersman of a trading junk \$15, with the alternative of two weeks' hard labour, for anchoring the junk in the Southern Fairway, thereby causing an obstruction in the harbour.

The Naval Dockyard Ladies' Club have arranged to hold a masked "Cinderella" dance on January 7th, at which Commodore N. J. B. Stirling, C.B., is to present the prizes for the best fancy costume. The Band of H.M.S. Tamar is to provide the dance music.

The s.s. President McKinley, carrying Xmas parcels and about 500 bags of letters and papers from U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai, arrived too late yesterday afternoon for the mail to be landed and dealt with the same day. However, the letters and papers she has brought will be dealt with first thing this morning and parcels will be ready a little later in the day.

A Bill calling for a plebiscite on Philippine independence has been vetoed by Governor-General Wood. Bills granting franchises to various companies were also disapproved by the Executive because they contained clauses prohibiting the holders of such charters from working against independence. "These clauses are unconstitutional in that they restrain freedom of speech," Governor Wood declared.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

THIS AFTERNOON'S AGENDA.

There will be a meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon at 4.15, and some of the items on the agenda are:—

President's proposal for the amendment of the Scavenging and Conservancy By-laws.

Miaute of the President relative to the proposed house cleansing of the servants' quarters in the European residences in Kowloon.

Reports from the Government Analyst and Bacteriologist, respectively, on water supplies.

Weekly report of November 28th and December 4th from the P.C.M.O. for Eastern Ports.

Health Return from the League of Nations, Eastern Bureau for the weeks ending November 7th and 14th.

WEST POINT FIRE.

TEA MERCHANT'S STOCK DESTROYED.

Soon after midnight on Sunday, a fire broke out on the second floor of No. 38, First Street, West Point, the residence and business premises of Tung Chung, a tea dealer.

There was a large stock of tea leaves on the premises, and this caused the fire to spread rapidly. At the beginning a constable from No. 7 Police Station, tried to extinguish the fire, but he later sent a call to the Central Fire Station, and the brigade was soon on the scene.

The building was of more stable construction than is usual with Chinese tenement houses, and this enabled the firemen to haul up a hose, by way of the staircase, and they were thus enabled to deal with the conflagration at close quarters. Another hose was worked from the house opposite with very effective results. The fire was extinguished within half an hour.

The entire stock and furniture were destroyed and the floor was also damaged, but not completely burnt. The stock was insured for \$5,000 and the furniture for \$500. The ground floor which was used as a tea house, was slightly damaged by water.

MOTOR MISHAPS.

COOLIE SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES.

Chau Kam, a Chinese earth coolie, who was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital on Sunday afternoon, suffering from injuries to the head and body, succumbed a few hours after being admitted.

He was knocked down by a motor-car on the Tsun Wan Road. The Chinese motor-driver reported to the police that on Sunday he was proceeding by car from Yau-mai to Kam-tin village along the Tsun Wan Road,

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE DAWES PLAN.

SCHEME IN FIRST YEAR REALISES ITS OBJECT.

LONDON, December 14th.

The Report of Mr. Parker Gilbert (Agent-General for German reparation payments), on the first year of the working of the Dawes Plan, shows that the plan realised its objects in balancing the German Budget and stabilising German currency. Full provision is made for the milliard gold marks, which its estimated Germany will be able to pay the first year and, although some money has not been handed over, the balance is at the disposal of the Agent-General, who pays a tribute to the manner in which the Germans co-operated in the work.

The Report is of opinion that Germany, for some time to come, must rely on long credits from abroad; but prospects for the peaceful reconstruction of Europe are hopeful, although Germany has still many difficulties to overcome.

LOCARNO AGREEMENT.

DEPOSITED AMONG ARCHIVES OF "LEAGUE."

CHAMBERLAIN'S FINE SPEECH.

GENEVA, December 13th.

The bulk of the journalists were leaving the hall, at the conclusion of the Græco-Bulgarian affair, when they were hastily recalled to hear the speech of Sir Austen Chamberlain, which was not scheduled on the agenda.

He said that in handing over the Locarno Agreement for deposit among the archives of the League, the Powers confirmed and intended to inaugurate a new phase of relations, carefully avoiding provocation or offence to others. They had established peace between themselves, thus helping to establish the peace of the world and give rest and confidence to other nations.

HAYLEY MORRIS TRIAL.

SENSATIONAL OPENING AT LEWES ASSIZES.

JUDGE'S SEVERE COMMENT.

LONDON, December 13th.

The trial of Hayley Morris and wife opened sensationally at Lewes Assizes to-day. The male defendant appeared in charge of a warder. The woman (his wife) walked briskly from the local hotel, smiling as Press photographers snapped her. Both pleaded not guilty.

The Judge declined to hear evidence of the woman's condition. Replying to Counsel's plea that she was unfit to stand a long trial, he said: "In my opinion there has already been a deliberate attempt to deceive the Court and I am not sure there has not been something worse—namely an attempt to interfere with the course of justice." He declined to hear her Counsel further.

GREEKS AND BULGARS.

THE LEAGUE COUNCIL ADOPTS REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE.

GENEVA, December 14th.

The League Council has adopted the report of the sub-committee, consisting of Sir Austen Chamberlain, M. Hymans and Baron Ishii, endorsing the findings of the Rambold commission in regard to the Græco-Bulgarian dispute last month. Sir Austen Chamberlain, as *Rapporteur* reading his report, said that the invasion of Bulgarian territory was not justified. Greece had acted without premeditation; but it was unnecessary in order to re-occupy a little post and overcome a few men to undertake operations over twenty kilometres. The indemnity of 30,000,000 *levas* should be paid within two months.

EARLIER CABLES.

COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.
ITALIAN CHAMBER PASS LAW BY BIG MAJORITY.

ROME, December 13th.
The Chamber, by 232 votes to 9, has adopted the law for compulsory arbitration.

EARLIER CABLES.
FALL OF THE FRANC.

UNEASINESS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY AT PRESENT CRISIS.

LONDON, December 13th.

The uneasiness in France owing to the fall of the franc is reflected not only in *Le Matin's* support of the suggestion for the formation of a Committee of Public Safety to steer the country through the present crisis, but in signs that France will possibly follow the example of Italy by raising voluntary subscriptions. There are indications that the peasants and workmen of France are willing to save the franc even at a personal sacrifice provided that someone will undertake to organise the machinery. The newspapers are being asked to open subscription lists for this purpose.

LATEST CABLES.

BUSINESS DISCONTENT.

PARIS, December 14th.

Discontent among business men at M. Loucheur's financial proposals is taking active form. In various parts of the country, business groups are registering protests. At Carcassonne a solemn pledge was taken by all local tradespeople to refuse to pay taxes if the proposals are adopted, while at Nîmes the Commercial Union decided on a two hours' strike as a protest.

The fall of the franc is causing a steady rise in prices of commodities. Figures published of the general statistics service show a rise of 9 per cent. on wholesale prices in France in October and November, compared to a fall in Britain, Germany, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, and the United States.

EARLIER CABLES.

SHAH OF PERSIA.

REMARKABLE CAREER OF NEW SOVEREIGN.

LONDON, December 13th.

The new Shah of Persia, Reza Khan, at forty-nine has had a remarkable career. He was born of a middle-class family, and entered the army as a private at the age of fifteen, rising to be one of the senior officers in the Cossack Division by 1921, when he marched on and captured Tehran.

He became Commander-in-Chief and War Minister, and assumed the premiership in 1923, when he desired to establish a Republic, but was opposed by the clergy whose support he has now apparently gained. He proceeded to subjugate the insurgent tribes, from whom he exacted taxes for the first time in half a century. He also dismissed all the foreign army instructors, but engaged foreigners to reorganise the legal, postal and financial systems. Reza Khan became head of the provisional government on the recent deposition of the Shah.

CHASING PIRATES.

BRITISH WARSHIPS IN COCHIN WATERS.

BOMBAY, December 13th.

The British cruisers *Colombo* and *Cairo* are proceeding full speed to Cochin, on the trail of pirates who looted a native dhow a few days ago. This is the first case of piracy in these waters within living memory.

The warships are receiving wireless messages from the Naval Intelligence Officer at Colombo. [A message last week stated that the Captain of the German str. *Nordmark*, on arriving at Colombo a few days ago, had reported that when four hours out of Cochin, he saw two vessels, one of which appeared to be frantically in distress and signalling. The other speeded off when he approached. The crew of the first vessel stated that they had been attacked by pirates, and were terrified. They anxiously sought safe escort to Cochin. The German crew stated that the pirate vessel was a smart craft of British design.]

ITALIAN DEBT TO U.S.

HUGE SUM RAISED BY VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTION.

ROME, December 13th.

Voluntary subscriptions raised by Italians to pay the debt to America have passed 90,000,000 lire.

OBITUARY.

SEÑOR MAURA.

MADRID, December 13th.

The death is announced of Señor Antonio Maura, who was Prime Minister of the Cabinet, which succeeded the régime of Señor Allendalaz.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ITALY AND FAR EAST.

OWN AIR LINE POSSIBLE WITHIN THREE YEARS.

MARQUIS DI PINEDO'S VIEWS.

LONDON, December 14th.

Major the Marquis di Pinedo, interviewed by the *Morning Post* in London, said that probably within the next three years Italy would have inaugurated her own Far Eastern service along the route he had followed. The "line" would soon be linked up with the contemplated British service from Koutara to Karachi.

PLANTATION RUBBER.

FINANCIAL TIMES' ON VALUE OF BUD GRAFTING.

LONDON, December 14th.

The *Financial Times* publishes a special "Plantation Rubber Supplement," including articles by experts in Malaya and by Mr. Ashplant, mycologist in South India, who writes on bud grafting.

In an editorial, the journal says that it is a little disconcerting to find that the Dutch Indies made considerably more progress in bud grafting than was made in Malaya and elsewhere. Results so far are highly encouraging and seem to show that bud grafting will soon very large in future planting developments. The editor concludes by paying a tribute to Ceylon estates as models of efficiency and good cultivation.

UNREST IN SYRIA.

BANDIT LEADER THREATENS HIGH COMMISSIONER.

BEIRUT, December 13th.

In a speech at a banquet in his honour, given at Aleppo, M. de Jouvenel (French High Commissioner) said that Syria was calm except for the districts of Damascus and Jebel Druze, where the minority warring was not against France but against Syria. Since his arrival at Aleppo he had heard persistent demands for the separation of Aleppo from Damascus. This was the result of the fratricidal war.

Hassan Kharrat, the Moslem bandit leader, operating in the Chagour quarter of Damascus, has sent a letter to a local paper stating that he has detailed forty men to cut off M. de Jouvenel's head, adding: "Here is our reply to his speeches."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

LOUVAIN LIBRARY.

AMERICANS TO RESUME WORK OF RESTORATION.

New York, December 13th.

The committee for the restoration of Louvain library, of which Mr. Herbert Hoover is chairman, announces the completion of a million dollar fund. Instructions have been called to resume the rebuilding of the library.

WHERE THE LATE WAR WAS NEVER HEARD OF.

NATIVES WHO STILL USE BOWS AND ARROWS.

A paper by Captain Knud Rasmussen, the leader of the Danish Ethnographical and Geographical Expedition from Greenland to the Pacific (1921-24) was read at a meeting of the Royal Geographical Society last month.

One of the objects of the expedition was to study the Eskimos, and Captain Rasmussen, describing the difficulties they had with the natives, said: "They live in such a state of isolation that any stranger is regarded as an enemy. It is hard to imagine a corner of the world in which people had never heard of the late war. But this was the case with the natives here. In many cases we found them still using bows and arrows."

Although the natives were "brutal and barbarous," they were capable of the greatest heroism and self-sacrifice. It was a custom to kill off nearly all girl children as soon as they were born, unless they had been asked in marriage beforehand, and it was not uncommon for aged persons who felt themselves a burden on the rest to commit suicide by hanging.

Often their relatives helped a young man, who had himself assisted at the hanging of his father, to lose his mother some time after, and was so distressed that he did not care to live.

WAR IN NORTH CHINA.

REPORTED REVERSE OF FENG'S TROOPS.

JAPAN AND MUKDEN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TIENTSIN, December 13th.

Latest reports from Peitsang indicate that though outnumbered Li Ching Lin's troops are holding their own; even advanced a few miles towards Yangtsun.

FENG SUFFERS DEFEAT.

Li Ching Lin's advance is confirmed. He has driven Feng's troops out of Yangtsun.

After a daylong artillery battle, his troops took Feng's trenches at the point of the bayonet.

Li states that Southern Chihli is freed from the Kuominchun menace. He is able to obtain ammunition from Teebow, which a week ago was surrounded by Kuominchun forces. He also states that he is not helped by Chang Tso Lin and has no understanding with him; but he says that Wu Pei Fu has agreed to defend Southern Chihli in the event of the Kuominchun forces advancing from Honan again.

FIRING ON THE TRAIN.

PEKING, December 13th.

With regard to the "international" train which was caught in the battle at Yangtsun, last Saturday, the passengers, including women and children, had to take refuge under the carriages. On board the train were nine Britishers, including Colonel and Mrs. Haslehurst; twenty Americans, some prominent Japanese and also four League of Nations Commissioners who are visiting Manchuria in connection with plague prevention.

It appears that a Kuominchun armoured train followed the international train to Yangtsun where it landed a thousand infantry, while artillery began shelling General Li Ching Lin's forces across the river.

The Legations have vigorously protested against this breach of the Boxer Protocol. It is understood that arrangements are being made to despatch a relief train from Tientsin.

The Japanese on board the train include Mr. Mochizuki, the leader of the Kenseikai party and Mr. Inouye, Parliamentary Under Secretary for the Navy.

LATER.

The "international" train returned to Peking last night. All on board are safe.

TAKEN WITHOUT FIGHTING.

TOKYO, December 13th.

An *Asahi* message from Mukden states that General Kuo Sung Ling's forces have entered Newchwang without fighting. Japanese police have been despatched for the protection of residents.

JAPANESE IN TIENTSIN.

TOKYO, December 14th.

The Navy is probably sending one or two destroyers from Port Arthur to Tientsin with food and clothing for Japanese nationals.

NEWS FROM TOKYO.

While the Government spokesman admits that a battle is imminent near Mukden, it is insisted that Chang Tso Lin's days are numbered and his fall is expected momentarily.

Japanese sources report that General Wu Pei Fu is marching on Shanghai.

COWS "BEWITCHED"

RICH WOMAN BOYCOTTED AS SPELL WORKER.

A farmer who was fined at Fürstfeldbruck, near Munich last month, for charging a neighbour's wife with being a witch stated that the supply of milk from his cows had diminished to such an extent that he was certain they had been bewitched.

A man famous for detecting witches performed a magic ceremony with lighted candles in the cow house, and declared that the next woman to fall ill in the village was the witch.

Shortly afterwards the wife of a rich dairy farmer became ill, and the believer in witches said that she had bewitched the farmer's cows in such a way that part of their milk was transferred to her own cows. The neighbours boycotted the woman, who brought an action for slander, which she won. The farmer, however, told the judge that he had always believed in witches and always would.

CHINESE CARPENTER'S DEATH.

The death of a young Chinese carpenter, named Mak Kau, who was knocked down by a taxi in Wanchai on November 22nd and subsequently died at the Government Civil Hospital on November 27th from injuries received, was the subject of an enquiry conducted by Major C. Wilson, sitting as a Coroner with a jury, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The jury were Messrs. E. D. da Rosa (foreman), A. J. M. Rodrigues and Ip Yuk Leung.

Dr. Paterson, Government Civil Hospital, stated that there were no apparent injuries, beyond a slight "dullness" in the left side of the abdomen when deceased was admitted to the hospital. On the following day, the patient showed signs of internal hemorrhage and witness found that he had a ruptured spleen. Witness operated on the patient and removed the spleen, which was unusually large. Mak Kau died on November 27th and on November 28th witness performed a post-mortem examination on the body and found that death was due to hemorrhage and shock following rupture of the spleen.

A taxi driver stated that on November 22nd he was driving his taxi in Wanchai about 4.30 p.m. in a westerly direction. He noticed a tram approaching from the opposite direction. Suddenly a man, who had apparently jumped off the rear of the car dashed across the road and appeared in front of the taxi when it was about two paces away from him. The man was running quickly and the taxi just knocked him down but did not run over him. Witness put the man in the taxi and went to No. 2 Police Station and reported the accident. He then took the injured man to the French Hospital, Causeway Bay, but finding the hospital was full, witness drove the deceased to the Government Civil Hospital where he was admitted. At the time of the accident, the taxi was travelling at about ten miles an hour.

A relief driver, who was riding in the taxi at the time, corroborated this evidence. Police-Sergeant Roberts stated that he examined the taxi after the accident and found no traces of any damage to it. The jury returned a verdict of "accidental death," following injuries received, and exonerated the taxi-driver from all blame.

LORD BEATTY.

THE ADMIRALTY'S POLICY DEFENDED.

The speech by Lord Beatty, First Sea Lord, at the Lord Mayor's banquet at the Guildhall, has aroused considerable interest. He said: "In 1914 we possessed 108 cruisers. To-day we have 89 afloat, under construction, and to be laid down this year. In 1914 we possessed a very great advantage, from our geographical position, in being able to command the exits of the world's great oceans. Our trade routes were still the number at our disposal was barely adequate. Such a favourable strategic position would not obtain in the unfortunate event of war with any other Power and the demand for cruisers and the protection they provide will be far greater than in the Great War."

It is not the fault of the Admiralty that the impetus of war has added vastly to the complexity of the technique of naval warfare; that new weapons have been evolved, and the scope of existing weapons expanded beyond imagination.

The formation of new technical departments and new divisions of the Naval Staff to deal with strategic, tactical, and material aspects of old and new weapons and contrivances was imperative if we were not to lag behind other countries in scientific attainment.

I ask if any industrial concern or business in the country finds that it can conduct its affairs with the same overhead charges as it incurred in 1914.

REDUNDANT DOCKYARDS.

The proposal of the Board of Admiralty to effect substantial economies by limiting the activities of Rosyth and Pembroke Dockyards in time of peace has met, quite naturally, with a volume of opposition from the localities interested, and less reasonably from many people whose demands for economy are not the least clamorous. So far as the upkeep of the Fleet is concerned, they are entirely redundant.

The reduction of Rosyth and Pembroke to a state of care and maintenance does not render them any less available for use in emergency than their upkeep at their present standard.

Such naval disasters as occurred during the war were the direct result of the lack of a sufficient and efficient staff, and it would be criminal to lapse once more into such a state. The task of the Admiralty in carrying out their great responsibilities is not made any easier by a campaign of ill-informed criticism. Many of the statements made are so wide of the truth, and so oblivious to the necessities of the Empire, that it can only be concluded that the object of the critics is political.

SCOTTISH SPORT.

HARD RUGBY STRUGGLES.

LEAGUE POSITIONS UNCHANGED.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, November 11th.

There are still three undefeated Rugby clubs in the so-called Championship competition—Glasgow Academicals, Heriot's, and Stewart's; but the first two had stiff struggles last week to keep unaltered records. Glasgow Academicals found the Watsonians a much tougher proposition than they anticipated. In the end they won, but the issue was not safe until the last ten minutes. They had a narrower majority than in any other of their matches this season. Allowance must be made for the loss of one man at an early period; even allowing for this, however, their play was none too satisfactory. The Watsonians are to be congratulated on their fine appearance. Another close result was that in the game between Heriot's and Edinburgh Wanderers. Heriot's, indeed, were lucky to come out on top; they only won by a penalty kick and a score from one of the very few orthodox passing runs. Edinburgh University beat Celtic by their speed and cleverness, but there was not a difference of 28 points between the teams. Glasgow High School F.P.'s won comfortably from West Stewart's made a thoroughly convincing appearance against Selkirk. Principal results:—

Edinburgh Wanderers, 0; Heriot's (F.P.), 8.
Glasgow Academicals, 11; Watsonians, 6.
Stewart's Col. (F.P.), 23; Selkirk, 0.
Edinburgh University, 26; Gala, 3.
Ed. Institution (F.P.), 8; Hillhead H.S. (F.P.), 3.
Hawick, 12; R.H.S. (F.P.), 7.
Jedforest, 8; Greenock Wanderers, 0.
Langholm, 8; Melrose, 5.
Glasgow H.S. (F.P.), 19; West of Scotland, 0.
Kelvinhaugh A.C., 16; Glasgow University, 3.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Scottish League football did not provide any surprise results, and the position at the head of the First Division remains unaltered. High scoring was recorded—Rangers having six goals, Motherwell five, and Celtic four. The four clubs at the bottom of the table, Hibs, Clydebank, Dundee United, and St. Johnstone, were all defeated. St. Mirren, the leaders, although they gained the points, did not provide good football against Hamilton Academicals. Their nearest challengers, Motherwell, were much more impressive against Raith Rovers, who were soundly beaten. It was significant that the only two clubs to win on opponents' territory were Celtic and Rangers, who in defeating Aberdeen and Queen's Park respectively accomplished the best achievements, and there is widespread belief, notwithstanding that Rangers are seven points behind the leaders, that the old rivals will yet be in at the final distribution of the honours. Airdrieonians, Falkirk, and Heart of Midlothian all maintained their high positions by returning victories, but the play of none of the three against lowly placed opponents was inspiring. Dundee improved their position by defeating Partick Thistle comfortably, the Glasgow Club being inferior in practically all positions.

Heart of Midlothian, 1; Dundee United, 0.
Cowdenbeath, 3; Hibernians, 1.
Airdrieonians, 2; Clydebank, 0.
Aberdeen, 2; Celtic, 4.
Dundee, 3; Partick Thistle, 1.
Falkirk, 2; Morton, 0.
Kilmarnock, 3; St. Johnstone, 2.
Motherwell, 5; Raith Rovers, 0.
Queen's Park, 3; Rangers, 6.
St. Mirren, 1; Hamilton Academicals, 0.

LAWN TENNIS RULING.

THE WALK-OVER.

A letter from the Lawn Tennis Association dealing with an important case concerning a walk-over at an open tournament last season was read at the annual general meeting of the Lawn Tennis Referees' Association in London last month.

Extracts from this letter read as follows:— "At a certain tournament a player was absent when called upon to play, and a walk-over was given to his opponent. The player who received the walk-over then began his match against his next opponent. This match was in progress when the scratched player arrived, and the committee decided to reinstate him in the draw in a place where there was a vacancy, having obtained the consent of his opponent."

The committee of the club concerned were held responsible by the Lawn Tennis Association for this action, which was a serious breach of the regulations, and it was pointed out to them that when deciding upon any question arising out of a competition they must act in accordance with the regulations.

"Apart altogether from the regulations, there could not be any justification for giving a player a second chance in an event, because if the principle is admitted that a player has a right to a second chance there is no reason for not giving him further opportunities of playing, and the process might be continued indefinitely."

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

December 15th.
Anfu, British str., 3,401 tons, Capt. A. S. Gordon, from Melbourne and ports, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

City of Harbin, British str., 4,390 tons, Capt. W. J. Houghton, from Otaru and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 45.—Bank Line.

Comus, British str., 3,428 tons, Capt. R. H. Williams, from Tarakan, with liquid fuel, lying at North Point.—Asiatic Petroleum Co.

Deerwanger, British str., from Macao, lying at buoy No. 134.

Gorgistan, British str., 2,910 tons, Capt. J. M. Kiddle, from Amoy, with 300 tons of general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—Nemaroo.

Namun, Portuguese str., 447 tons, Capt. S. Pimentel, from Tourane, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 135.—Tai Sing Co.

Phanang, Chinese str., 1,022 tons, Capt. H. C. Kiddle, from Bangkok and Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 135.—Chau Yue Ting.

Samuray Maru, Japanese str., 2,448 tons, Capt. C. Hidaka, from Sourabaya and Balikpapan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 426.—Nanyo Yusen Kaisha.

December 14th.

Carnarvonshire, British str., 5,555 tons, Capt. H. S. Guitton, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Hu Sang, British str., 1,885 tons, Capt. G. F. Mathews, from Sandakan, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Koto Maru, Japanese str., 5,117 tons, Capt. S. Aiso, from Takao via Amoy and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Kawing, British str., 1,580 tons, Capt. H. H. Martin, from Singapore and Haiphong, with general cargo and freewheel, lying at buoy No. 111.—B. & S.

Nam Sang, British str., 1,035 tons, Capt. D. R. Kiddle, from Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

South Africa, Norwegian str., 1,041 tons, Capt. P. Eilertsen, from Honkong, with 2,700 tons of coal, lying at buoy No. 135.—Thoresen & Co.

Tide, British str., 5,743 tons, Capt. T. G. Wilkinson, from Boston and Manila, with 371 tons of general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Tjisandari, Dutch str., 5,010 tons, Capt. H. de Jonge, from Sourabaya and Muntok, with general cargo and sugar, lying at buoy No. A21.—J.C.J.L.

CLEARANCES.

December 14th.

Anfu, for Moji.

Carnarvonshire, for Kwang Chou Wan.

City of Harbin, for Chiu.

Comus, for Tarakan.

Deerwanger, for Haiphong.

Nam Sang, for Kwang Chou Wan.

South Africa, for Haiphong.

Tide, for Haiphong.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The B.L. and Apeir Line s.s. *Tatania* left Kowloon for this port on the afternoon of the 10th inst., and is due here to-day.

The N.D.L. s.s. *Cabot*, from Europe, left Singapore on Monday morning, and is due to arrive here on Saturday afternoon, the 19th inst. She will sail for Shanghai and Japan on the 20th.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* arrived at Shanghai yesterday, and leaves to-day (Tuesday), at 11 a.m. She is due at Hongkong on Thursday, December 17th.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 12th, and is due to arrive here on December 31st.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia*, Capt. L. D. Douglas, R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 7th.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1925.

(Standard of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
December 15th.....	6.55 a.m.	5.41 p.m.
" 16th.....	6.56	5.41
" 17th.....	6.56	5.42
" 18th.....	6.57	5.42
" 19th.....	6.57	5.43
" 20th.....	6.58	5.43
" 21st.....	6.58	5.44
" 22nd.....	6.59	5.44
" 23rd.....	6.59	5.45
" 24th.....	7.00	5.45
" 25th.....	7.00	5.46
" 26th.....	7.01	5.47
" 27th.....	7.01	5.48
" 28th.....	7.02	5.48
" 29th.....	7.02	5.49
" 30th.....	7.02	5.49
" 31st.....	7.03	5.49

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Carnarvonshire*, on December 14th:—Mrs. Kedar, Mrs. Rose, Master Rose.

Per E. & A. s.s. *Anfu*, on Dec. 15th:—Mr. T. G. S. Alexander, Miss M. E. Cockrane, Miss J. M. Cockrane, Dr. M. Gossidy, Mr. Chui Chong, Mr. J. Hammond, Mr. M. Hester, Mr. Teng Hok King, Mr. E. Sam Sing, Mr. and Mrs. L. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Way.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The shipping statement for yesterday showed that the number of vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m. was 64, of which 2 were British.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were five British, one Portuguese, one Norwegian, one Dutch, one Japanese and one Chinese. The departures for the same period numbered eighteen.

Cargo entered for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday for Hongkong totalled 10,907 tons, against 2,058 tons for the previous twenty-four hours; while freight entered for ports beyond came to 19,188 tons, compared with the previous entry of 18,815 tons. The combined cargo entered came to 29,795 tons. Of the cargo for Hongkong, 2,630 tons were carried in British vessels and 2,700 tons in a Norwegian vessel and 3,362 tons in a Dutch vessel.

The arrivals for the period referred to were the s.s. *City of Harbin* (British) from Otaru and Shanghai with 37 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Deerwanger* (British) from Melbourne and Manila with 1,550 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Nam Sang* (British) from Calcutta and Singapore with 1,774 tons of gunnies, general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Gorgistan* (British) from Amoy with 300 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Phanang* (Chinese) from Macao with ballast only; the s.s. *Samuray Maru* (Japanese) from Tourane with 150 tons of general cargo; the s.s. *South Africa* (Norwegian) from Honkong with 2,700 tons of coal; the s.s. *Tjisandari* (Dutch) from Sourabaya and Muntok with 3,362 tons of sugar and mail; the s.s. *Samuray Maru* (Japanese) from Sourabaya and Balikpapan with 443 tons of sugar and general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Phanang* (Chinese) from Bangkok and Haiphong with general cargo and mail.

Deck passengers carried by some of the above vessels for Hongkong totalled 694, of which the s.s. *Anfu* brought 177 from Melbourne and Manila; the s.s. *Nam Sang* 149 from Calcutta and Singapore and the s.s. *Tjisandari* 351 from Sourabaya and Muntok.

Later arrivals yesterday were the s.s. *Atsuta Maru* (Japanese) from the *Senjutsu*; the s.s. *President McKinley* (American) from the North with mail from U.S.A.; Canada, Japan and Shanghai; the s.s. *Koto Maru* (Japanese) from Takao and Swatow with 788 tons of cement, sugar and sundries and mail; and the s.s. *Comus* (British) from Tarakan with 7,495 tons of liquid fuel.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Agra (Swedish East Asiatic), due Jan. 1st, 1926.
Empress of Canada (C.P.R.), due Dec. 17th.
Formosa (Swedish East Asiatic), due December 25th.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 14th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.	On Day at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.09	30.05	29.98
Temperature	67	64	72
Humidity	63	66	61
Wind Direction	East	ENE	East
Force	3	2	3
Weather	B	C	B
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air Temperature on 13th	69		
Lowest open-air Temperature on 14th	53		

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Dec. 15th to 21st, 1925.

Days of Week	Days of Month	High Water		Low Water	
		H'kong. Standard Time.	Height.	H'kong. Standard Time.	Height.
Tues.	15	h. m. 9 13	5 0	h. m. 2 14	2 9
Wed.	16	h. m. 10 14	4 9	h. m. 3 15	2 9
Thur.	17	h. m. 11 12	4 7	h. m. 4 16	3 3
Fri.	18	h. m. 12 14	4 6	h. m. 5 17	3 4
Satur.	19	h. m. 1 13	4 5	h. m. 6 18	3 7
Sun.	20	h. m. 2 14	4 5	h. m. 7 19	3 7
Mon.	21	h. m. 3 13	4 4	h. m. 8 20	3 9

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jan. 7	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Jan. 16	Jan. 25
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 22	Jan. 25	Jan. 28	Jan. 30	Feb. 8
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 5	Feb. 8	Feb. 11	Feb. 14	Feb. 22
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Feb. 27	Mar. 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 14	Mar. 22
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 19	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Apr. 10
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 19
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Apr. 16	Apr. 19	Apr. 22	Apr. 24	May 3
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Apr. 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 22	May 31
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 28	May 31	June 3	June 5	June 14
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	June 11	June 14	June 17	June 19	June 30
EMPRESS OF ASIA	June 25	June 27	June 30	July 3	July 12

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Dec. 15	Dec. 20	Dec. 21	Dec. 23
Jan. 1	Jan. 3	Jan. 4	Jan. 6

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TIENSIN via CHEFOO	"CHONGSHING"	Friday, 18th Dec., at Noon.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Saturday, 19th Dec., at Noon.
HAIPHONG DIRECT	"KWAISANG"	Sunday, 20th Dec., at Noon.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"MINGSANG"	Sunday, 20th Dec., at Noon.
TSINGTAU via SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG"	Wednesday, 23rd Dec., at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG"	Thursday, 24th Dec., at Noon.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Saturday, 26th Dec., at Noon.
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"FEBROKESHIRE"	17th Jan.	"GLENBEG"	26th Dec.
"GLENFEE"	21st	"GLENSHIRE"	27th Dec.
"GLENAGLE"	4th Feb.	"GLENBEG"	28th Dec.
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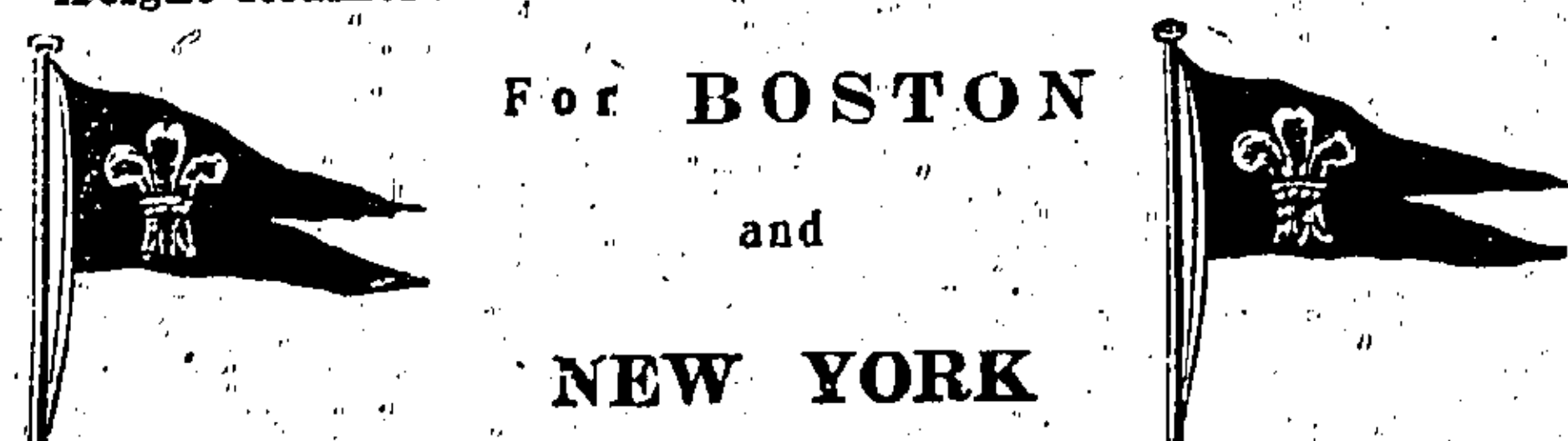
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"KHYBER"	9,114	23rd Jan.	Mars. London and Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,097	4th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo, and B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,089	20th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,902	6th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,985	13th Mar.	Mars. L'lon, A'werp., and Hamburg.
"KHIVA"	9,135	30th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	17th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Feb.	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	3rd Mar.	do.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	7th Apr.	do.
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"KHIVA"	9,114	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHYBER"	9,114	26th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"HYMETTUS"	4,701	2nd Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"SANT-IA"	8,600	7th Jan.	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	9th Jan.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
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INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
STRAITS	Alma Maru	15th Dec.
JAPAN	Talamba	15th Dec.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres McKinley	15th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Chenau	15th Dec.
AMERICA & MANILA	Alma Maru	15th Dec.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Emp. of Canada	15th Dec.
JAPAN	Pres. Taft	15th Dec.
MANILA	Pres. Van Buren	21st Dec.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Changsha	21st Dec.
AUSTRALIA AND MANILA	Tango Maru	22nd Dec.
JAPAN	Pres. McKinley	22nd Dec.
MANILA	Emp. of Canada	23rd Dec.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Wilson	23rd Dec.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Jefferson	23rd Dec.
STRAITS	Kashima Maru	23rd Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Formosa	Sakura Maru	Tuesday, 15th, 10.30 A.M.
Hainan and Haiphong	Buschka	10.30 A.M.
Wei Hai Wei	Hai Ching	Noon
Amoy and Poochow		2.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Alma Maru	2.30 P.M.
Bangkok	Kuoyang	3.15 P.M.
Manila	Chusenka	3.30 P.M.
Amoy	Pres. McKinley	3.30 P.M.
Amoy	Stachura	5.00 P.M.
Amoy	Wanwang	5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Tyandari	5.00 P.M.
Japan	Samarang Maru	Wednesday, 16th, 8.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles - due Marseilles, 15th Jan., 1926	Patriot	Registration Letters 10.30 A.M.
Bangkok	Hangsang	Noon
Straits and Calcutta	Yuenhang	1.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kotru Maru	6.00 P.M.
Hokow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Taming	Thursday, 17th, 8.30 A.M.
Japan	Alma Maru	9.30 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta	Talamba	10.30 A.M.
Swatow	Chenau	10.30 A.M.
Japan & Victoria, B.C. - due Victoria, B.C., 13th Jan., 1926	Iyo Maru	Friday, 18th, 9.30 A.M.
Bandakan	Mausang	10.30 A.M.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	3.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles - due Marseilles, 17th Jan., 1926	Haruma Maru	Saturday, 19th, 8.45 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honoluli, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via San Francisco - due San Francisco, 13th Jan., 1926, & EUROPE via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Pres. Taft	Noon
Hokow and Haiphong	Mingang	2.45 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hosue Maru	3.30 P.M.
		Sunday, 20th, 9.00 A.M.

* Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

December 14th, 1925.	
ON LONDON	Telegraphic Transfer ... 9 1/4
	Bank Bills, on demand ... 2 1/4 5/16
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ... 2 1/4
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ... 2 1/4
	Credit, at 4 months' sight ... 2 1/4
	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight ... 2 1/4
ON PARI	Bank Bills, on demand ... 1 5/8
	Credit, 4 months' sight ... 1 5/8
ON NEW YORK	Bank Bills, on demand ... 57 1/2
	Credit, at 30 days' sight ... 58 1/2
ON HONGKONG	Telegraphic Transfer ... 155 1/2
	Bank Bills, on demand ... 155 1/2
ON SHANGHAI	Bank Bills, at sight ... nom.
	Private, 30 days' sight ... 131 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA	On demand ... 113 1/2
ON MANILA	On demand ... 100 1/2
ON BATAVIA	On demand ... 140
ON HATYONG	On demand ... nom.
ON SINGAPORE	On demand ... nom.
ON BANGKOK	On demand ... 79 1/2
	Sovereign, Bank's Buying Rate ... 88.37
	Gold LEAF, 100 Ems. per tola ... 311 1/16
	SILVER, per oz. ... 311 1/16

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office: Hongkong.
 Authorised Capital ... \$50,000,000
 Issued and Fully Paid-up ... \$20,000,000
 Reserve Funds: Sterling ... \$4,500,000
 Silver ... \$28,500,000
 Reserve Liability of Proprietors ... \$20,000,000

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.
 Hongkong, 19th May, 1925. [25]

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 INTEREST on Deposits is calculated on the lowest balance during each completed Calendar Month at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum. Should there be no balance on any day in a month no interest will be allowed for that month.
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 For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
 A. H. BARKER, Esq., Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. [2]

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
 HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.
 Paid-up Capital ... £2,000,000
 Reserve Fund ... £4,000,000
 Reserve Liability of Proprietors ... £3,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.
 CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
 A. H. FERGUSON, Esq., Manager.
 Hongkong, April 15th, 1925. [20]

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 Reserve Fund ... £1,500,000

BANKERS: THE BANK OF ENGLAND and MIDLAND BANK, LTD.

BRANCHES:
 Bangkok, Galle, Kuala Lumpur, Rangoon, Batavia, Hongkong, Madras, Shanghai, Bombay, Howrah, New York, Simla, Calcutta, Kanai, Penang, Singapore, Colombo, Karachi, Port Louis, Sourabaya, Delhi, Kota Bharu (Mauritius).

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
 INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.
 J. B. ROSS, Acting Manager.
 7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, April 17th, 1925. [29]

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

HEAD OFFICE: 96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital ... Frs. 75,000,000.00
 Paid-up Capital ... Frs. 60,000,000.00
 Reserve Fund ... Frs. 59,687,233.54

BRANCHES:
 Bangkok, Batavia, Canton, Hongkong, Kanton, Lyons, Manille, Peking, Shanghai, Singapore, Tientsin, Yunnan.

IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Credit Industriel et Commercial; Societe Generale.

IN LONDON: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais.

IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co.; French-American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
 A. LECOT, Manager.
 Hongkong, 20th March, 1924. [32]

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.

(TAIWAN GINKO.)
 Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed ... Yen 45,000,000
 Capital (Paid-up) ... Yen 39,375,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEI, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES:
 JAPAN: Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Formosa: Gikan, Kagi, Kankou, Keelung, Nantow, Shichiko, Paochu, Tainan, Pakao, Tamsui, Topey, Aiko, Yuen.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at Rates which will be quoted on application.
 T. T. KAGI, Manager.
 HONGKONG BRANCH: 3, Des Vaux Road, Central.
 Hongkong, 1st December 1925. [27]

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.
 Established 1912.

Authorised Capital ... £1,500,000
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 LOOK POONG SHAN, Chief Manager.
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THE BANK OF CHINA.

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorised Capital ... \$30,000,000.00
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HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.
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Every description of Banking Business transacted.
 Loans granted on Approved Securities.
 Special facilities for Home Exchange.
 TSUYEE PEI, Manager.
 Hongkong, September 8th, 1921. [38]

NEDELANDSCHE HANDEL

MAATSCHAPPIJ.
 (NEDERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY).

Established 1824.
 Hongkong Branch established 1906.
 Authorised Capital ... Guilders 150,000,000 (212,500,000)

Paid-up Capital ... 80,000,000 (26,666,670)
 Reserve Fund ... 20,500,821 (21,711,405)
 Special Reserves ... 22,000,000 (21,888,330)

HEAD OFFICE: AMSTERDAM.
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 "TITAN" 19th Dec. Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
 "BELLEPHON" 30th Jan. Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
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